

LOTTE SUI MONTI
La Fronte Italiana si Veri-
tano Limitati Combatti-
menti, Causa l'Intemperie

BUELLI DI ARTIGLIERIA
Patriottici Deliberati dei Cattolici
e dell'Unione Socialista
Italiana

ROMA, 9 gennaio.
Dalla notizia giunta dalla fronte si
vede che a causa delle intemperie, e
per la neve caduta abbondantissima, non
si sono verificate importanti operazioni
militari e che limitati combattimenti,
con obiettivi locali, si principeranno tra
pochi e riparti in ricognizione, av-
vengono verso l'altipiano di Asiago ed a
nord di Monte Merlo, una montagna ad
est del fiume Brenta.

Al contrario una rimarcabile intensità
nelle azioni di artiglieria si è
avuta nel settore dell'altipiano di Asiago
e Monte Tomba, e nelle regioni di
Monfenera e Montebelluna.

Riparti italiani in ricognizione verso
Monte Merlo, riuscirono a giungere
presso le posizioni occupate dagli austro-
tedeschi e tornarono nelle loro linee dopo
aver catturato parecchi soldati austriaci.
Ecco il testo del comunicato ufficiale,
pubblicato ieri dal Ministero della Guerra
in Roma:

La neve e le cattive condizioni at-
mosferiche hanno ridotto al minimo
l'attività combattiva. Azioni di arti-
glieria, alcune intense, si svolgono
sulle posizioni del settore orientale
dell'altipiano di Asiago e sul Monte
Tomba, e nelle regioni di Monfenera
e Montebelluna.

Le nostre pattuglie in ricognizione
a nord di Monte Merlo catturarono
alcuni prigionieri.

Un corrispondente di guerra presso il
quartier generale italiano ha chiesto al
Generale Diaz, comandante in capo delle
forze italiane, fronte di battaglia,
a quali fattori deve essere attribuita la
tenace resistenza che permette il mantenimento
delle linee della Piave, cosa questa
rappresenta? Quali sono determinati a
difensivi successi della guerra.

"Prima di tutto—ha risposto il fusto
generale—alla naturale reazione degli
spiriti degli uomini contro una ulterio-
re ritirata. Essi sono determinati a
non abbandonare più territorio al nemico.
Inoltre la ritirata fu dovuta all'ab-
bandonato spirito combattivo di alcuni ele-
menti disorganizzati e, grazie alla ridu-
zione della fronte, parte delle nostre
truppe furono abili di resistere sulla
Piave eliminando unità che avevano
perduto la loro coesione durante la
ritirata. Ma ora questi truppe sono
riorganizzate. Parti di esse sono di
nuovo sulle linee in uno dei più im-
portanti settori, ed una prova del loro spirito
combattivo deve essere trovata nel fatto
che parecchi prigionieri sono stati
comandati a tornare sulle linee di
combattimento per compiere il loro do-
vere con rinnovato ardore."

Un dispaccio da Londra annunzia che
gli aviatori inglesi alla fronte italiana,
durante la scorsa settimana, distrussero
otto macchine austro-tedesche e di
furono forzate ad atterrare. Gli aviatori
inglesi durante i combattimenti aerei
perdono un solo apparecchio.

Gli studenti di Brescia, che recente-
mente si arruolarono come volontari
nelle armi italiane, hanno telegrafato
all'on. Orlando chiedendo di essere im-
mediatamente mandati alla fronte di
combattimento nella famosa Brigata To-
scana, che valorosamente combatte
contro le truppe austriache del generale
Conrad, per impedire ad esse di invadere
lo pianura al nord d'Italia.

Le organizzazioni cattoliche hanno
tenuto una convenzione nella città di
Bergamo allo scopo di mantenere alto
il morale e lo spirito di resistenza del
popolo, di fronte alle estreme sofferenze
causate dalla scarsità del viveri. Fu
letta una ispirata lettera del Cardinale
Gasparri al Papa, e produsse grande
entusiasmo.

L'altra convenzione fu tenuta in
Roma dalla Unione Socialista Italiana e
ad unanimità fu votato un ordine del
giorno col quale si approva di dare tutto
" incondizionato appoggio al governo nel
la vigorosa continuazione della guerra
fino a che gli scopi di tutti gli alleati
siano ottenuti.

Trecento famiglie austriache e tede-
sche, che risiedevano in Roma, hanno
avuto ordine di partire immediatamente
alla volta di altre città dell'Italia me-
ridionale. Tra queste vi è anche il Pro-
fessor Beloch, già insegnante nella Uni-
versità di Roma.

Former "Guard"
Good Soldiers

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many of these former guardsmen tell
me that at home we do not yet fully
realize that ere this war is won the
United States must face a casualty list
that will fill pages and pages of our
newspapers when announced from
Washington. From others I have con-
flicting opinions; that we understand
very completely what is before us,
that we are, those of us across
the sea from the conflict, deeply
sensible of what we have to do.
My personal opinion is that the
second general view is in error, and
that we need the casualty list to have
every city, village, and hamlet at home
get the inner meaning of what is be-
fore us.

The National Guard contingent are
well "set up." They show considerable
military knowledge, and I think, from
such contact as I have been able to
have with their officers, that these lat-
ter are of the stuff that will be heard
from in modern methods of warfare.
Their training goes, both officers and
men, with a vim and a dash encourag-
ing to see.

Again I go back to my pals, the mar-
ines. I ran over the other day and
put in a few hours talking with rank
and file, one of the latter a former
fellow worker in America. I found him
banging a typewriter for all the world
as if he were writing a story with the
dead line near.

"I am a company clerk now," he said,
"and it's some job! Rather like it.
Had any news from home lately? I am
revising for the battalion records the
subscriptions our outfit made in the
second Liberty Loan. Some of 'em I go
broke for a while, I fancy, from the
amounts subscribed. Come on outside
and see Jimmy."

Jimmy is a Mexican ant bear, trans-
ported far from home. He seems to
thrive on it, too. He was chained to a
tree and had made tracks in the mud
around it. He was, as usual, hungry,
eating anything from a cigar stub,
from which he carefully stamped out the
fire first, to a live frog.

"He may pine for ants," said the mar-
ine, "but if he does nobody could tell."
Jimmy has a coat of fur that would
make a lady's muff and some more. It
is thicker, I am told, than any Mexican
ant bear ever wore. Jimmy's pedigree
is short and sweet. He was bought in
Vera Cruz, lived at the Philadelphia
navy yard for a spell and came over
to France some months ago with soldiers
of the sea.

The men of the force, rank and file,
are beginning to receive Christmas pre-
sents from home. A batch came in with
the last post and has already been dis-
tributed. These packages in the main
are marked "Not to be opened until
Christmas morning." Others, at least
six that I saw, had inscribed upon them:
"This is a Christmas present to be
opened right away." One Sammie before
me opened his in the postoffice. It con-
tained a sleeveless sweater and six pairs
of hand-knit socks.

"But if he does nobody could tell,"
said the marine, "but if he does nobody
could tell." "That girl of mine has some sense, for
this is the place to wear that stuff."

Many of the Sammies are buying pre-
sents and sending them home. Their gifts
are unimportant, not because they would
not wish them more so, but because
their purchasing power is limited to
small shops and traveling peddlers
through the villages and towns in which
they are quartered. After all, "the
value of a gift lies in the giver."

Their offerings will perform consist
largely of handkerchiefs, small cases,
hand-made, and certain articles peculiar
to this training country. They are also
permitted to send home, for the holiday
season only, personal photographs, and
the picture postcard tabo has been
raised for the nonce, with the proviso
that nothing indicative of localities be
mailed.

AGAIN AIDS DESTITUTE
For the fourth time in three weeks,
Lieutenant Bloomer, of the German-
town avenue and Lycoming streets sta-
tion, has a put a destitute family back
on its feet. Neighbors reporting that
the family of Frank Kramer, 444 North
Cleveland avenue, was without food and
about to be ejected from their home,
Lieutenant Bloomer sent Detective
Young to the house to investigate.

On the detective's report the lieuten-
ant purchased food and meat for the
family and had the landlord give
them a day's grace. The Kramers have
four children, the oldest of whom is
eight years and the youngest seven
weeks.



HOBEY BAKER
Former Princeton football cap-
tain, who has downed his first
German airplane in France. He
is a member of the American
aviation corps.

QUARANTINE HOLDS
SAMMEES CAPTIVE

Outbreak of Scarlet Fever,
Diphtheria and Mumps at
Roosevelt Base

NO EPIDEMIC REPORTED

Isolation Inconveniences Patients
But Beats Drill in Snow-
Filled Trenches

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN
FRANCE, Jan. 9.

The entire Roosevelt base hospital
was quarantined today as the result of
a small outbreak of scarlet fever, diph-
theria and mumps.

Nurses, patients and doctors alike
were "interned" in the contagious build-
ing and will not be permitted to leave
there for a month.

At another place, miles distant, a cer-
tain militia contingent was also quar-
antined today. Its members will not be
permitted to leave their particular town
and no other individuals will be al-
lowed to enter there.

Authorities today emphasized that
there is no epidemic and but few cases
reported, but the isolation plan was dic-
tated upon in line with a desire to take
no chances of disease spreading.

Reports from the quarantine building
of the base hospital today held there
were a lot of worse things than being
isolated—such things, for instance, as
daily drills in the snow-filled practice
trenches.

Numerous patients were virtually
to be discharged when the quarantine
order came. They were locked up glee-
fully, anticipating a month's rest, with
nothing to do but play checkers, smoke,
read and eat candy which one could not
take if one had some friend willing to
go to the quartermaster's for it.

A certain pretty Willamston, Mass.,
nurse, transferred to another building
just before quarantine, reluctantly had
good-bay to her ward—all of them suffer-
ers from the "itch"—a mild skin in-
fection.

She promised them to make a daily
visit to the nearest town to buy them
whatever they wanted. And on the
first day when she returned from her
shopping tour she had her arms filled
with packages of chocolates, canned
fruit, glass jars of lobster, mouth organ,
French pastry, checker board, chewing
gum and other delights.

Capricious weather of the last few
days has flooded the valleys and swelled
the rivers throughout the American
zone, and then followed it up with a
sudden cold snap that turned all roads
into glaciers, such slippery surfaces
even chained truck wheels in futile
effort.

General Pershing himself was a
weather victim today. Starting on a
visit to a certain number, he descended
a valley road in his car, and when he got
to the bottom his chauffeur found it im-
possible to make progress either forward
or backward on the slippery highway.
Pershing finally had to get out and
walk back to headquarters. Some parts
of the American zone reported a very
heavy snowfall as relieving the situa-
tion somewhat today.

U. S. ENGINEERS LOSE
ONE MAN IN SKIRMISH

American Regiment Caught in
Barrage Fire While at Work
on French Front

AMERICAN FIELD HEADQUARTERS
IN FRANCE, Jan. 9.

A regiment of United States Army
Engineers has just returned from a
month's "top" training on the same
front where the trench raid by the
Boches occurred in November. After
having successfully built a long line of
new trenches outside the present French
wire entanglements under French super-
vision. The Americans worked nights
without lights in completing the great
length of trenches. During the progress
of the work they suffered two casualties,
one man being killed and another
wounded.

The Germans, noting the fresh earth
on the snow-covered ground during the
day, one night sent out a patrol which
encountered a French patrol. The Ger-
mans retired, but evidently signaled back
to their trenches, asking for a rear-
ranged barrage. This was unloosed and
lasted a short time, during which the
casualties occurred. The Americans re-
tired, save a certain number, who re-
mained in the trenches under fire. This
was the only incident of note in this
tour of duty.

Hungarian Ministers Resign

ZURICH, Jan. 9.—It is reported that
the Hungarian food minister, Count
Hadik, has resigned, owing to differ-
ences between Austria and Hungary
over supplies of Hungarian foodstuffs
for the Austrian civilian population.

The Hungarians assert that Austria's
demands are extravagant. It is reported
that Count Serenyi, Minister of Com-
merce, and Bela Megossy, Minister of
Agriculture, have resigned as a result
of attacks in connection with the coal

Urges All Trainmen
to Stand by America

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effort in the work we must do at home,
if our armies are to save America from
the serious dangers that confront her.
Upon the railroads rests a grave respon-
sibility for the success of the war. The
railroads cannot be efficiently operated
without the whole-hearted and loyal sup-
port of every one in the service from the
highest to the lowest.

"I earnestly appeal to you to study
yourself with new devotion and energy
to your work, to keep trains moving on
schedule time and to meet the demands
upon the transportation lines, so that our
soldiers and sailors may want for nothing
which will enable them to fight the
enemy to a standstill and win a glorious
victory for our America.

"Every railroad officer and employee is
now in effect in the service of the United
States and every officer and employee is
just as important a factor in winning
the war as the men in uniform who are
fighting in the trenches.

"I am giving careful consideration to
the problems of railroad employees and
every effort will be made to deal with
these problems justly and fairly and at
the earliest possible moment. There
should be a new incentive to every one
in railroad service while under Govern-
ment direction to acquire himself with
honor and credit to himself and to the
country."

Together with the labor phase of Gov-
ernment operation, the railroad adminis-
tration is considering financial prob-
lems with which the Government will
be forced to deal shortly. From scores
of roads came reports on estimated
amount of additional capital to be raised
this year by issue of securities. These
will be compiled by Interstate Commerce
Commissioner Daniels and presented to
Director General McAuliffe late this week.
To be used as a basis for computing the
sum which Congress will be asked to
appropriate to absorb the companies' securities.

When Mr. Kruttschnitt has completed
his testimony today before the Sen-
ate committee Samuel Rea, president of
the Pennsylvania, George Shriver, vice
president of the Baltimore and Ohio,
and Frank Trumbull, chairman of the
railroad executives' advisory committee,
will be called.

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and Thirtieth and Race streets, and was
informed that in the future there would
be no difficulty experienced in the ship-
ments of oil and kerosene.

Copies of resolutions adopted by the
Methodist Episcopal and Reformed
Churches relatives to the coal shortage
as it affects the churches have been sent
to Mr. Lewis. The resolutions urged
that all breweries, saloons and political
clubhouses be closed while the shortage
continues. They protested that churches
and public schools be forced to close,
while breweries and saloons continue to
carry on business.

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The January Sale of the Golden Year started a week ago with our season-end purchases from Hart, Schaffner & Marx, and now our semi-annual CLOSE-OUT LOTS FROM THE STEIN-BLOCH COMPANY ARE HERE. In this purchase are hundreds of both Suits and Overcoats, and besides these fresh, new lots, to be shown TO-MORROW for the first time, are many of the splendid special lots from Hart, Schaffner & Marx and other manufacturers of nation-wide reputation.

Variety and Values are just as Wonderful as Last Week!

\$22.50 to \$27.50 Suits, now \$16.50 From the famous Stein-Bloch Company and other high-class manufacturers.	\$30.00 and \$32.50 Suits, now \$23.00 From the Stein-Bloch Co., Hart, Schaffner & Marx and other manufacturers.	\$35.00 and \$40.00 Suits, now \$27.00 Stein-Bloch and H. S. & M. Suits, of fine wools, in con- servative and youthful models.	\$45.00 and \$50.00 Suits, now \$33.00 Stein-Bloch and H. S. & M. Suits, the finest produced by these famous houses.
\$27.50 and \$30.00 Overcoats, \$23.00 Stein-Bloch, H. S. & M. and other makes—every one an ex- traordinary value.	\$35.00 and \$40.00 Overcoats, \$27.00 Stein-Bloch and H. S. & M. Chesterfield, box Coats and belt- ed all-around Trench Overcoats.	\$45.00 and \$50.00 Overcoats, \$33.00 Stein-Bloch Overcoats, in fine form-fitting models, also Trench models; some from H. S. & M.	\$55.00 to \$65.00 Overcoats, \$43.00 The finest Stein-Bloch and H. S. & M. models—Dress Overcoats and Trench styles.
OTHER LOTS, BRIEFLY DESCRIBED, ALSO REMARKABLE VALUES			
\$18.00 and \$20.00 Overcoats—\$13.50 Oxford, black and Oxford and neat fancy styles of reliable quality.	Men's \$40.00 Fur-lined Coats—\$47.50 Men's \$35.00 Fur-lined Coats—\$47.50 Fur-lined Overcoats are in great demand this winter—better take advantage of these values.	MEN'S PLAIN OVERCOATS—ALWAYS IN STYLE—EXTRAORDINARY VALUES \$35 Overcoats, Oxford or black, \$23.50 \$30.00 Overcoats, dark Oxford—\$21.50 \$25.00 Overcoats, dark Oxford—\$19.50 \$20 Overcoats, black or Oxford, \$16.50	
\$25.00 and \$27.50 Overcoats—\$16.50 Innovative Chesterfield Overcoats, heavy Oxford and Box Overcoats.	The Famous Lanham-High Youths' Long-Trousers Suits For young men of 15 to 20 years— \$16.50 and \$18.00 Suits—\$13.50 		